



Troy Museum & Historic Village

Museum Hours:
Mon.-Sat.: 9 am-4:30 pm
Sun.: Closed

60 West Wattles Road (NW corner of Wattles & Livernois)
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The Museum will be closed April 10-11 and May 23-25

Spring 2009

Michigan History Week: Celebrate the Schoolhouse

Commemorate the Mitten State from May 16-22! Visit the museum for a self-guided tour, Lincoln Discovery Hunt, Artifact Hunt, picnicking, and hands-on activities. **In addition, join us on Saturday, May 16 for these special programs:**

- **One-Room Schoolhouse Family Activity: 1:30-2:30 pm**
"Miss Post" will teach reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic the old-fashioned way in historic Poppleton School. Recreate the Poppleton School Rhythm Band. Be on your best behavior or you'll experience classroom discipline! Fee: \$3 per person. Register by May 4.
- **Michigan One-Room Schoolhouses Booksigning: 2:30-3:30 pm**
Photographer, artist and author Mary Keithan will be at the Troy Museum to present her new book which features photos and histories of nearly 100 one-room schoolhouses from all over Michigan. The booksigning will be held in historic Poppleton Schoolhouse! Public welcome; no registration.

Evening Lecture Series

History can be viewed in many ways. This spring's lectures offer three distinct Michigan stories observed through very different prisms: one man's personal view of growing up in our community, a view of those who defined the era that shaped our state's early development, and a view of local lives dramatically changed by a national event.

March 18: From Big Beaver to the Big Apple

Author and businessman Bill Haney will take us down memory lane with personal stories from his latest book, highlighting growing up in Big Beaver Corners (at Rochester Road) in the 1940s. A booksigning will follow.

April 15: Lives of the Voyageurs

Mark Szabo, a naturalist and historian at Stony Creek Nature Center, will bring to life the colorful history of the coureurs des bois and voyageurs who traveled through Great Lakes during the fur trading era of the late 17th and early 18th centuries.



May 20: Michigan Women in the Civil War

Liz Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum looks at the lives and contributions of the mothers, daughters and wives who were left behind when their men marched off to war.

All lectures are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Old Troy Church at the Museum.

Fee: \$5 at the door; free for Historical Society members. No registration required.

Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin at 2 pm and last one hour. Tea and cookies are provided. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer if preferred.

• March 26: Tea with a Millionaire

Long before Oprah, there was Madam C J Walker. Celebrate Women's History Month as we welcome back actress Jacinta Shanae to share the story of the nation's first female African-American millionaire.

• April 30: President Lincoln Tea

Meet Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, brought alive by Fred and Bonnie Priebe. Hear the tale of their courtship and marriage, their youth and their sorrows. The program concludes with a dramatic reading of the Gettysburg Address.



Sip tea with the Lincolns.

Fee: \$4 per ticket. Register by March 23 and April 27. Space is limited.

News from the Museum

• Historical Society Fundraising Update

Plans are now under way for moving two additional buildings to the Village Green. The 1837 Niles-Barnard house currently located on Livernois just South of Square Lake Rd. will be moved soon. Come see a **new mini-exhibit** featuring historic items from the house, recently donated by the family of the late Norman and Harriet Barnard. Next will come an historic barn, to represent Troy's agricultural past. The Heritage Campaign also needs money to renovate the parking lots, improve storm water management, and implement other "green" innovations. To contribute, contact the Troy Historical Society www.troyhistory.org or call Loraine Campbell at 248.524.3570.

• Museum Available to Moviemakers

The Museum has recently been the site of three film shoots: two documentaries plus one movie produced by the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan. If you or your studio wish to film in the historic buildings for an authentic set, contact Museum Manager Loraine Campbell.

Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair Sunday, May 17 from 1-4 pm

Do you have antiques at home? Curious how much they're worth? Similar to Antiques Roadshow, this is your chance to learn the approximate values of your treasured belongings. Appraisers will evaluate antiques such as jewelry, books, china, glass, musical instruments, Native American art, fine art, and furniture. Bring detailed photos of large pieces. No weapons or coins. History is priceless. **Free admission. \$5 for verbal appraisals. \$20 for select informal written appraisals.** Heritage Campaign Fundraiser sponsored by the Troy Historical Society.

Fantastic Tours and Group Services at the Museum

Artifact Hunt and Buttermaking Saturdays at 10:30 am

Call to schedule your date for a program with your group of children ages 5-9 (grades K-3)! We will greet you and provide a checklist and pictures of artifacts the kids can locate in our historic buildings (choose "Artifact Hunt" or the limited-edition "Lincoln Discovery Hunt"). When this self-guided search is complete (duration approx. one hour), we will lead the children in making butter to complement a cracker snack. Each child will take home a Museum pencil and an Activity Book. Perfect for young Scouts! Optional: pack a lunch and eat in the schoolhouse to complete your outing.

Fee: \$5 per person. Minimum group size is 5. Registration required.

Lincoln Discovery Hunt

Discover more about "Honest Abe!" Kids can search for connections to Lincoln in the Museum buildings and win a prize. Suggested donation: 1 penny per child, 100 pennies (\$1) per adult. Take-home booklet included.

Museum Tour and Candlemaking

Saturdays, March 14, April 4, and May 9
1-3 pm

Learn about life long ago while journeying through the Museum's historic buildings with a costumed interpreter to guide you along. Dipping souvenir beeswax candles will complete your visit.

Fee: \$5 per person. Appropriate for ages 7 to adult. Registration required.

Homelife Tour and Candlemaking

Saturdays, March 28, April 25, and May 30
1-2:30 pm

Three houses at the Museum represent different time periods of life in Troy. Compare the pioneer log cabin, Civil War-era Caswell house, and the turn-of-the-century Parsonage farmhouse with focuses on cooking, social roles, technology, and architecture. The chance to hand-dip souvenir beeswax candles will follow.

Fee: \$5 per person. Appropriate for ages 7 to adult. Registration required.



Explore the historic buildings and dip some souvenir beeswax candles!

Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays, April 1 and May 6
10:30-11:15 am



Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse and friends for our monthly story time for little historians! A craft and a treat will make your child's visit complete. Appropriate for children ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult.

April The Bunny Hop
May May Day Party

Phone registration required in advance; one-month registration only. Call early. Donations welcome.

Explore Early Music: Recorder Concert

Saturday, March 21
2-3:15 pm

Lift your spirits with the beautiful music of the **Metropolitan Detroit Recorder Society** at their annual public concert. The program includes 15th-17th century pieces along with modern compositions, performed by Society members and guest ensembles. Listen to this historic instrument's relaxing strains as you hear the recorder the way it was meant to be played!

Donations to the Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign accepted at the door.

Monthly Museum Photo Contest!

The Historic Village with its picturesque views is a photographer's dream for capturing artistic images. Enter this contest and the winning photo will be featured on the front page of the Museum's website! Photos should fit the monthly theme and follow these guidelines:

- 1) Images must have been taken at the Troy Museum & Historic Village.
- 2) E-mail photos to registrar@troymi.gov with subject line "photo contest." By submitting a photo, you agree to all of the guidelines.
- 3) Include your name, city of residence, contact information, and title of photo (if applicable).
- 4) Winners will be contacted by the Museum before images are published. The winner's name, city, and photo title will be included on the website.
- 5) Winners must be prepared to show permission to use those images with people.
- 6) The photographer will retain copyright of the image.

Theme:	Submit Between:	Appears:
Black and White	March 1-27	April
Colors and Patterns	April 1-24	May
Close-ups	May 1-27	June

